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Subject: 7th ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) Meeting, Cairo, 3-5 March 2009

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 7th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) Meeting, which will take place in Cairo, Egypt, from 3-5 March 2009. The Meeting is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of the Government of Egypt.

The meeting will address the following topics:

1. ICT household statistics (including a presentation of the ITU Household Manual),
2. revisions and additions to indicators included in the ITU Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Handbook,
3. benchmarking information society developments (including the ITU ICT Development Index), and
4. international data collection and dissemination.

The meeting will also examine the measurement of the impact of telecommunication development on the creation of employment, as an input to the ongoing work carried out by ITU-D on this subject. A draft agenda of the meeting will be made available soon on the ITU website at www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/wict09/agenda/index.html.

The meeting, open to all the membership, is primarily addressed to those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant Ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the meeting.

Registration will be carried out exclusively online. You will find all the information for registering, requesting a fellowship for eligible participants, for accessing the online form and the deadlines at http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/wict09/registration_fellowship/index.html.

Within the budget available, one fellowship per country may be granted to participants from countries with a GDP per capita less than 2'000 USD, with priority to Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Priority will be given to participants who will submit a paper of direct relevance to an agenda item.

Due to budgetary constraints, the countries' beneficiaries of a fellowship may have to contribute partly to the costs of the fellowship. You are invited to submit your requests for

fellowships no later than **6 February 2009** by completing the appropriate section of the online registration and fellowship form. Please note that requests for fellowships arriving after the fixed deadline will be considered on an "as possible" basis.

Interpretation and translation of agenda documents will be provided based on the requests of participants. You are therefore invited to indicate on the registration form whether you require languages other than English before **16 January 2009**. Based on the requests made by this deadline and provided there are at least five requests for a given language, interpretation and translation will be provided in the requested languages.

Participants are encouraged to prepare a background paper describing the state of ICT statistics collection and dissemination in their country. Papers should be submitted by **23 February 2009** by e-mail: indicators@itu.int. Background papers will be made available in the languages in which they are submitted.

Details on visa and accommodation arrangements can be found on our website at www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/wict09/index.html along with additional information about the meeting.

I hope your organization will be able to participate in this important event.

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